Waste of Britain

†659.SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:
SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the domestic waste of Britain being dumped in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any assessment of the harm being caused by this waste to the environment in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the steps being taken by Government to check the inflow of foreign waste in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) According to the Central Board of Excise and Customs, no case of dumping of domestic waste from Britain has been noticed.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Conservation of tigers

660. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has prepared any plan for conservation of tigers together with creation of Tiger Protection Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the allocation made during 2008-09 for the purpose and their utilization; and

(d) the details of action plan of Government for protection of Big Cat and prevention from easy catch to the poachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Funding support under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger is provided to tiger States for antipoaching operations, involving local work force, ex-army personnel, homeguards etc. Further, the policy initiatives announced by the Finance Minister in his Budget Speech of 29.2.2008, *inter-alia*, contains a one time grant of Rs. 50.00 crore to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for raising, arming and deploying a 'Special Tiger Protection Force'. Action has been taken for the needful in this regard.

(d) The details of action taken by the Government for conservation and protection of big cats and other wild animals are given in the statement.

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